

Washington, DC – *March 18, 2010.* According to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the current health reform bill will make health care affordable for the middle class, provide security for seniors, and guarantee access to health insurance for the uninsured – while reducing the federal deficit by over \$100 billion in the next decade.

In Ohio's 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, the current health care reform bill will:

- Improve coverage for 355,000 residents with health insurance
- Give tax credits and other assistance to up to 180,000 families and 12,300 small businesses to help them afford coverage
- Improve Medicare for 109,000 beneficiaries, including closing the donut hole
- Extend coverage to 39,000 uninsured residents
- Guarantee that 9,300 residents with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage
- Protect 1,700 families from bankruptcy due to unaffordable health care costs
- Allow 53,000 young adults to obtain coverage on their parents' insurance plans
- Provide millions of dollars in new funding for four community health centers
- Reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and other health care providers by \$11 million annually.

Please see the attached document produced by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for full information.

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